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1. Oranienburg (Z-67): Three thousand Red Army and 2,000 Red Navy personnel are stationed in Oranienburg. The naval men are taking part in a training course which includes bridge-building and exercises with small craft and assault boats in the Lehnitz See. 50X1-HUM
2. Eisleben (D-63): On 11 June a Soviet troop train passed through Merseburg carrying a company of Red Army troops (black epaulettes with red piping) and thirteen 76mm AA guns and three sound locators. The unit transport consisted mainly of trucks. The uniforms and physical condition of the troops, whose average age was 18-23, were good. The train may have come from Frankfurt/Oder. It continued to Eisleben where the troops were unloaded and billeted. 50X1-HUM
3. Schwerin (T-46): Considerable diminution of the size of the Soviet garrison has taken place recently. The barracks, each of which can normally accommodate a battalion, are now only occupied by 100 to 150 troops each. There are no artillery or tanks. The personnel remaining consists of MP's, railroad guards, and guards for the various dumps in the area. 50X1-HUM
4. Gustrow (T-98): The town was reported to be clear of troops as of 19 June.
5. Glauchau (K-35): Some Stalin tanks arrived early in June. They are housed in temporary sheds on the local tank training ground. Training of recruits in their use is going on here. 50X1-HUM
6. Dessau (E-17): The former Waggonfabrik Dessau, now the Russische Transportmittel Bau AG, is making tank carriers and horse-drawn vehicles on orders of the SMA. The firm has received orders for 200 carriers and 500 horse-drawn vehicles. The special steel axles and springs for the carriers are said to have been delivered to twenty tons. The carriers are being built to carry up
7. Saalfeld (J-53): Trenches, dugouts, and blockhouses are being built around Saalfeld, particularly at all entrances to the town. Approximately three infantry and two engineer regiments appear to be engaged in this work. 50X1-HUM

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8. Frankfurt/Oder: In the middle of June Soviet billeting authorities inspected a large number of living quarters in the Furstenwalderstrasse, Frankfurt/Oder. The evacuation of civilians was subsequently ordered and space made available for 3,000 officers and clerks. The Burgermeister was told by an interpreter that the "economic and industry" departments of the SMA were coming there. In Karlshorst there are apparent preparations being made for moving, and apartment buildings are being given up.
9. The president of the Reichsbahndirektion stated recently that SMA Karlshorst, except for a rear headquarters consisting of ten persons, was to be transferred to Frankfurt/Oder. Lt. Colonel Feldmann of the Political Department of the Soviet Central Komendatura is also moving his office to Frankfurt/Oder.
10. Gustrow (I-98): Practically all Soviet troops have now left Gustrow and a large number of requisitioned buildings have been returned to the Germans, particularly in Detmamsdorf. The Hotel Erbprinz, which had been used for Soviet officers, has also been released. The Soviet Komendatura has been moved to the former Amtsgericht building.
11. Saalfeld (J-52): On 30 June 5,000 tank troops arrived with their tanks and motor vehicles and were quartered in Saalfeld and Probstzelle.
12. Chemnitz (K-66): Between 1 and 15 June all Red Army troops left the Chemnitz area, with the exception of one battalion, the headquarters of which is in Chemnitz. The departing troops took all their weapons with them. Some of these troops, prior to their departure, said that they were going to Mongolia.
13. Ohrdruf (J-15): From early April to mid-June, the III Guards Tank Corps was in training in the Ohrdruf maneuver area. Loading for departure began on 10 June. A number of units loaded up at Ohrdruf and Grunwinkel, although the larger part of the corps moved by night to Gotha and loaded there. From there it proceeded via Erfurt, Weissenfels, and Leipzig to an unknown destination. Only one unit was moved to Gotha by day. This was a superheavy AA battery of four guns of an estimated caliber of 155mm.
14. The corps consisted of three tank brigades, two motorized infantry regiments, AA units, etc., the total strength being about 10,000 men. The tank elements were estimated to consist of two brigades of J.S. 2 tanks, totalling about 130 tanks, and one brigade of 60 J.S. 2's, and about 60 T-34's or T-70's.
15. Jüterbog (I-69): On 8 June, two damaged tanks were dispatched to the Test Workshop Company at Jüterbog. [redacted] It is [redacted] 50X1-HUM
commanded by Senior Lt. Chaika.
16. On 28 May, three J.S. 3 tanks were observed firing on a range on the Hilberg, west of the Ohrdruf-Grunwinkel road. The target was a dismantled Royal Tiger tank at a range of 2,800 meters. The target received three direct hits, two on the glacis plate and one on the turret. All three made clean penetrations. The width of the holes was 12.5 cm. The guns on the tanks had triple-baffle muzzle brakes. A Red Army sergeant boasted at the time that the front armor of the J.S. 3 was 150 mm thick.

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17. Weissenfels (J-99): On 3 July a very small tank was observed momentarily [redacted]

[redacted] The suspension system consisted of a driving sprocket, a return roller, one bogie and one return roller. The armament consisted of an 88mm. gun in a revolving turret, the barrel being one meter long. [redacted] said the tank was 1.6 meters high, 1.3 meters wide, and something over 1.5 meters long. [redacted] estimated its performance as slow on cross country but having the capacity of 60 km on roads or firm, flat ground. [redacted] had seen similar tanks in action during the war at Clogau and Breslau. These tanks are now based at the barracks in Weissenfels.

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18. In late June, sixty T-34's and twenty tanks of a type similar to the Panther with box suspension were seen at Weissenfels.

19. Meimar (J-37): Preparations are being made for the reception of a large headquarters. Buildings previously occupied by the Thuringian ministries have been evacuated. The ministries went to Gotha, Erfurt, and Apolda.

20. Naumburg (J-39): The commandant of Naumburg is a colonel [redacted]

21. Burgstadt (K-55): On 24 June a trainload of horse-drawn vehicles was sent from Burgsneck via Gera to a Red Army unit [redacted] at Burgstadt.

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22. Salzwedel, etc.: In late June labor conscription was carried out in the district of Salzwedel, Stendal, and Gardelegen. Those called up were not selected from a military point of view. The conscripts were moved to Au where they were attached to [redacted] Soviet unit [redacted] The labor contract is for one year.

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23. Gardelegen (Y-44): The former paratroop barracks in Gardelegen, situated on Reichsstrasse 71 are now empty. All usable building material has been removed. The ex-Luftwaffe barracks on Gardelegen airfield are used by a Red Army artillery regiment. The troops belonging to this regiment wear black epaulettes with red piping. The equipment consists of light field howitzers without muzzles. The transport of this regiment consists of horse-drawn vehicles, half-tracks, and normal motor transport. One half-track was seen [redacted]

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[redacted] The troops of this unit are new recruits, only the officers and NCO's having seen war service. [redacted]

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24. Stendal (Y-35): Officers' training courses began on 17 June in Stendal. Officers taking part are mostly elderly; some wear high decorations, two "Hero of the Soviet Union" captains having been observed. [redacted]

25. Rugen: There is a short-wave transmitter on Rugen Island, near Sassnitz. It is fitted out for the direction of guided missiles. Two German engineers, names unknown, are in charge of this station. [redacted]

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6. Ludwigslust (T-53): Red Army troops in Ludwigslust are under the command of Third Army HQ in Magdeburg.
7. Eberswalde (V-CC): A tank regiment at Eberswalde was to have moved with its division to the USSR in mid-June. Loading up and departure have now been deferred. This formation belongs to the 4th Tank Army.

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